

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

1:00 PM

Meeting held by video conference. Register to virtually attend the meeting at <https://bit.ly/3u6ft47>

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Legislative Committee

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the Written Determination of the Lake County Board Chair, this meeting will be held by audio and video conference.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public wishing to attend remotely / virtually may: (1) register at the link on the front page of this agenda to attend by audio or video conference or (2) attend remotely on the 10th Floor of the Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (limited to the number of persons in keeping with social distancing requirements, currently 10 people).

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PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. Individuals attending remotely / virtually may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th floor)). Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented at the beginning of the meeting under "Public Comment." Comments on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment.

Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance (on the 10th Floor and then those via the registration link) then (2) written comments in the order they are received. To view County Board Rules, click here: <https://bit.ly/3idRdrV> .

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- * Meeting: Legislative Committee
(Must be the Subject line for written Public Comment)
- * Name: (Required)
- * Street Address, City, State (Optional):
- * Phone Number (Optional):
- * Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self"):
- * Topic or Agenda Item # (if applicable) - followed by the written

Comment[21-0069](#)

Chair's determination of need to meet by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart 12.30.20](#)

1. Call to Order

Chair Wasik called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present 7 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Member Kyle, Member Martini, Member Roberts and Chair Wasik

Others present:

Matt Meyers, County Administrative Office

Blanca Vela-Schneider, County Administrative Office

Mike Grady, Public

Al Giertych, Division of Transportation

Austin McFarlane, Public Works

Carl Kirar, Facilities

Cassandra Tortenson, County Administrative Office

Gary Gibson, County Administrative Office

James Hawkins, County Administrative Office

Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management

Patrice Sutton, Finance

Sandy Hart, County Board

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members**4. Addenda to the Agenda**

There were additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

This matter was to come out of executive session

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wasik gave an overview of the agenda and stated there are a lot of things happening on the Federal front which the County is working on.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1)***Approval of Minutes*****8.1 [21-0564](#)**

Minutes from February 2, 2021.

Attachments: [Leg 3.2.21 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Casbon, that the minutes be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Danforth, Member Frank, Member Kyle, Member Martini, Member Roberts and Chair Wasik

REGULAR AGENDA**8.2 [21-0372](#)**

Update and discussion on the State of Illinois 2021 Spring Legislative Session.

Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group, gave an overview of the 2021 Spring Legislation and what will happen with Legislation when they are back in session. Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group, provided an updated on the State budget. Discussion ensued.

8.3 [21-0373](#)

Committee discussion on active legislation and bills of interest.

Mike Grady and Derek Blaida Strategic Advocacy Group answered questions from the committee in regards to the bills of interest. Discussion ensued.

8.4 [21-0582](#)

Discussion on current federal legislation related to the Veterans Burn Pits Exposure Recognition Act of 2021 (S.437).

Member Casbon read the resolution in regards to the Veterans Burn Pits Exposure before introducing Andrew Tangen, Director of the Veterans. Director Tangen gave an overview of the symptoms associated with burn pits exposure. . Discussion ensued. The committee agreed to fully support the bill and provided direction to staff to bring back a resolution of support for action.

8.5 [21-0583](#)

Discussion on current federal legislation related to the advance refunding of bonds.

Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative, gave an overview of the advance refunding of bonds. Discussion ensued and the committee provided direction to staff to bring back a resolution of support for action.

8.6 [21-0584](#)

Update and discussion on Lake County's infrastructure priorities related to Federal Community Project Funding requests.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, stated the infrastructure related departments and himself have been working on a collaborative tool that references the county's capital

priorities in preparation of an infrastructure bill that will hopefully be coming post another COVID-19 bill. Carl Kirar, Director of Facilities; Austin McFarlane, Director of Public Works; and Shane Schneider, Director of Transportation have all worked on the 2021 Capital Priorities. Administrator Meyers gave an overview of the application process. The committee offered no comments and provided direction to continue to proceed with application.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

10. Executive Session

There was no executive session.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no member remarks.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2021

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristy Cechini.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair

Legislative Committee